IN MEMORY OF LOREN KARNS, WHO IN HIS WORK AT RENSSELAER DONATED MANY PRECIOUS YEARS OF HIS LIFE TRYING TO IMPROVE AND EDUCATE THE YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY. IN HONOR OF THIS GREAT MAN, WE DEDICATE THIS PLAQUE TO HIM AND HIS WORK.

A memorial to Mr. Loren Karns has been placed in the showcase across from the office.

Tradgedy Remembered

Tragedy struck last year on October 23, when a head-on collision took the life of Mr. Loren Karns.

Mr. Karns was a teacher and assistant principal here at the High School. At the time of his death, Mr. Karns was serving as principal at the Middle School. To the students at R.C.H.S. Mr. Karns was a man who had compassion and a true sense of discipline, a characteristic that would be good to see more in teachers and in students.

To show his appreciation of Mr. Karns, Mark Bailey a senior last year at R.C.H.S. painted a portrait of Mr. Karns, trying to capture an image of the true spirit of the man. This portrait can be seen in the show-case outside of the front office.

Last week in remembrence of Mr. Karns, flowers sent by his family and they were placed next to his portrait.

It is our hope that the virtues Mr. Karns possessed will live in the hearts of all students, and faculty, and individual persons.

Mr. Karns, is survived by his wife Susan, a son Paul, and two daughters Linda 16 and Peggy 3.

The following poem was written by middle school student Annette Servis, an eighth grader at the time, on October 24 at 2:00 A.M., about 4 hours after Mr. Karns died.

I can still remember the day
When he used to say
Slow down or stop running
He was just so sharp and cunning.

I'll never forget the time
When I dropped by book while in line
I said it was mine
As I went to pick it up
But he said, "Yes, but you've got
To get used to a gentleman."

He could always understand
Any problems anyone had
He always had dreams
Of what he could do
To help make our Middle School
A better school.

And then it came.
That horrible day
On which no school we had
October 23, 1972,
Veterans Day; 8:40 p.m.

That horrible sound
Of sirens all around
That sickening noise of crash
All of his dreams were melted away
As snowflakes touching warm ground.

To some it was a blow
To some it seemed untrue
To me it was a shock
This dear, sweet man so loved by all
Was taken away in the midst of life.

And of this man, this dear, kind man
Who loved everyone and everyone loved him
What's left of this man,
This considerate man
Is an empty desk and an empty chair
And memories of him we all share.

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ATHLETIC FIELD NEARS COMPLETION

What's holding up completion of the new athletic field? Nothing according to Mr. Roberts, RCHS principal. "Work is progressing as fast or faster than expected."

If the weather holds, Mr. Roberts expects much of the work will completed before the onset of winter.

Only recently the new baseball field was sodded and the footing and foundations for the dugouts should be completed in the next few weeks. The field should be ready for use this spring. The field should be one of the finest in the area.

Mr. Roberts also had great praise for Mr. Art Brinkman and his help in the construction of the football field. On July 1, the field was entirely bare of grass. Mr. Art Brinkman loaned his irrigation system to the school for free.

Now the grass on the field must be mowed at least every 4 days. Mr. Roberts said, "The field is in terrific shape. We hope to be playing on it by next fall." But he mentioned that once again weather would be the big factor in determining whether the field would be playable next fall.

Asphalt for the base of the track is expected to be put in any day. Although the track will not be ready for this year, it should be ready for the next season. The track is expected to be so good that schools in our athletic conference have voted to hold the Northwest Hoosier Conference Track Meet at Rensselaer indefinitely.

This spring bids will be taken on the six new tennis courts which are to be constructed. These are being built to serve both the public and students as Mr. Roberts feels that tennis will be the next competitive sport for Indiana high schools.

Mr. Roberts had great praise for Mr. Edmonds, who has done much of the work on the field. Others who have helped include the varsity head coaches, Emory Harrison, the high school janitors and Mr. Roberts himself.

What will become of the old facilities? According to Mr. Roberts, they will be turned over to the middle school for their use. If a new middle school is built out close to the high school the track and field will revert back to their original owners, the Rensselaer park system.

Within the next few weeks, U.S. Steel will begin to put the fence up around the field. Weather permitting the fence should be up in approximately 3 weeks. Also, the school will begin taking bids on the lighting system. Mr. Roberts emphasized that the work must be done now while they have the money because it may not be available later.

But everything hinges on the weather. If we have good weather the rest of this fall and next spring, all facilities will be completed by late next fall. If the weather is bad we may have to continue using our old facilities for some time to come.

FFA INITIATION

By Daryl Nagel

District I FFA held its first Greenhand Initiation in its entire history.

It has always been on the chapter level, but the District officers along with its executive committee decided to have it on the District level.

Greenhands are the new members joining FFA for the first time. The initiation was held on Wednesday, October 24 at Oregon-Davis high school.

Our program consisted of the usual ceremonies and a talk given by two of one state officers — Mike Jackson, State Secretary and Jerry Vaughn, State Treasurer.

We had six greenhands from our school attend. They were Larry Bowman, Tim Brusnahan, Chip Culp, Rick Eldridge, Jim Miller, and Doug Nagel.

ARMY TO BLAME

Besides C-SELM, the Army Corps of Engineers has instituted another project in the area. Around World War I, they started growing fields of the hemp plant in northwestern Indiana. They used the stem of the plant to make rope.

After World War I, somebody in Washington D.C. decided we didn't need to make rope out of the stalk anymore. So the Army Corps of engineers left this area, leaving behind them acres of marijuana.

Yes, we now have marijuana growing wild in Jasper County because of our own beloved Army Corps of Engineers. Presumably they are indirectly to blame for our strict drug laws.

Of course they can use the excuse that they didn't know marijuana could turn people on, but that's no excuse for not coming back later to try to rid of it.

Now the same group is back trying to fill our fields with waste material that we don't want. If they botched up one job, they may botch up another.

Anybody who disagrees with me that the Army Corps of Engineers is to blame for marijuana and the strict drug laws, please write and all letters will be printed.

HONOR SOCIETY ?

Supposedly one of the most prestigious honors one can have bestowed on him in high school is the honor of joining the Honor Society. But is it really such an honorable position?

On the basis of the facts we have turned up the answer is no.

To be nominated to join the society, the only requirement is that you have 'B' average. Then the list of names is given to the teachers who can give up to a maximum of 100 points in the three different grading categories — character, leadership, and services. To be elected the student must have an average of 225 from each teacher who voted on him.

When you come right down to it, the election is nothing more than a popularity contest. Teachers who have never had the student can only go on what they hear from other teachers. If the student has a teacher he absolutely can't get along with, that teacher can ruin his chances by giving the student a big zero.

Obviously the whole thing is unfair. But who should get to vote? One answer could be to let the students vote. Fellow students wouldn't be anymore biased than the teachers. If anything students would be more qualified to vote since they would know the person better. It really doesn't matter how they change it. The thing that matters is that the present election must be changed.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has met three times since school has started at the writing of this article. At each meeting the attendance was just about half the number on the council.

This attendance factor has hurt the student body, because much legislation beneficial to them has been slowed.

Consider the September 25th meeting. Nine out of twenty-four members were present, and even some of these dragged in during the middle of the meeting. The four class presidents were excused for an officer's meeting, and the freshmen were taking tests. One person was sick, and six were unaccounted for.

These people represent you! You've chosen them, so get behind them, and make them do their job!

If these members had shown up at each meeting, there might have been ping pong tables and equipment in the commons the first week of September. The suggestions on putting a vending machine in might have become fact. Convocations are in queustion at the present, also.

You're the students; you have to sit through the convocations. What would you like to see? What are some things you'd like the student council to do? What needs changing in this school, and how can it be accomplished? Have you got any ideas?

It's up to you to tell your representative what you want. Then give them a shove, and make them do their job.

REBUTAL

I felt compelled to respond to the editorial, "No Fans, No Team" found in the last issue. The article scraped the surface, but I don't feel it's brought the truth out.

The article was written to point out how discriminatory students were in showing their loyalty to R.C.H.S. I agree entirely that students are discriminatory; some persons show no drive or spirit whatsoever, but the editorial itself was discriminatory!

It mentioned football, basketball, swimming, track, golf, cross country, baseball, and wrestling.

Well, what happened to the chess team, the Bomberettes, the band, the two choral groups, the Chaos staff, the student council, or the **Rensselaerien** staff itself? If the **Rensselaerien** had no supporters who would have read your editorial?

As I see it, every group in this represents this school and is organized with a general purpose — to make our school better or "the best."

Without question I haven't listed all the organizations of the school, and I don't want anyone to feel cheated, so I'm emphasizing the fact that I'm referring to every group. Whether big or small, they all need support by you, the individual, and the backing of every other group in the school.

It's unrealistic to think that a student could attend everything that takes place at this school; just as it's unrealistic to think a student could read every book in the library in a four year time span, or even in an eight year time span.

Yet, student apathy in general is uncalled for. A student should first participate in one or several school affiliated groups and second be a "regular" spectator at several events; third, he should attend some events, performances, and such from different groups rather than just one.

Yearbook Causes Chaos

Now that the new Chaos is out many of us are trying to have friends sign our yearbooks. Since many student schedules are different finding people to sign is hard.

Kankakee Valley has a special dance where yearbooks are passed out and you are able to get signatures during and between songs.

Meanwhile, we at Rensseelaer are causing confusion during class and making teachers mad by passing yearbooks around while we should be studying.

Adoption of a dance or party somewhat like KV's would end much of the confusion and keep teachers happy. Also students would be able to get all the signatures they want. We, the staff of the **Rensselaerien**, urge the adoption of this system as it would benefit all involved.

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Cats, Cauldrons And Brooms

Recently I had the honor of being invited out to the local radio station, WRIN, to sit in on a special edition of Bob Becker's program "Sound Off." The show featured two real, live witches.

Since true witches are somewhat cautious as to who they reveal themselves to, elaborate precautions had been taken to hide their identities. First they used false names, calling themselves Zephyr and Heather Aries. Then they got a friend, who they claimed lived two counties from them, to drive them to the program. Finally, after they arrived, they asked for a screwdriver to remove their license plate.

Zephyr, a mother of 7, is a third degree witch and Heather, the oldest of Zephyr children, has only been a witch a short time so she has no degrees. None of Zephyr's other children have yet become interested in witchcraft. Since Zephyr is a third degree witch, this entitles her to be the high priestess of her coven (a coven is a group of no more than 13 witches).

Zephyr and Heather presented many interesting facts about witchcraft, and they also cleared up many of the mysteries which surround this ancient religion.

Knowing that several students in our high school are taking correspondence courses in witchcraft, I asked Zephyr what she thought of these courses.

'Zephyr replied that in her opinion most of these courses were a bunch of trash and for the most part they taught the student to worship Satan instead of the true god of witches, Diana. "There's as much difference between a Satanist and a witch as there is between a Christian and a heathen."

Some things, according to Heather and Zephyr, that witches believe in are astrology, ESP, tarot card readings and reincarnation. Also, when asked they said that they did make their own potions or witches brew, mostly from weeds, herbs, etc. that were found out in an ordinary field.

Also, they found that over 90 per cent of all books on witches were no good and carried false information. The remaining 10 per cent contained reliable facts although even some of these are doubtful in quality.

Zephyr mentioned reading that a Satanist group had recently sacrificed a 16-year-old boy, and she was afraid that acts could set off such a witch hunt that it would make the Salem witch hunts look like childs' play.

Heather and Zephyr said they were witches and they gave many facts to back their claim up. But were they really witches.

They looked just like ordinary people. However, no one there that day had the nerve to test them, and I wonder if we could have found a person who would.

Dirty Business

Soil judging teams from Rensselaer Central High School placed first and second in the District contest held Saturday in Montgomery County.

The first place team consisting of Daryl Nagel, Glenn Miller, Gary Harmon and Larry Graf scored 787 points while the second place team composed of Gary Wiltfang, Gary Streitmatter, Bob Kosta and Randy Kiger scored 774 points. Both teams were coached by Byron Callahan vo-ag teacher at Rensselaer Central.

Top individual honors went to Daryl Nagel with a score of 269 points followed by Gary Wiltfang and Bob Kosta who scored 266 points to tie for second place over all.

Both teams will now compete in the state contest Saturday October 27 in the Indianapolis area.

The contest was sponsored by the Federal Land Bank, the Production Credit Associations, the Indiana Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the Cooperative Extension Service and Vocational Agriculture Departments.

ODDS 'N ENDS

By Don Marlatt

This is my first try at writing a column (well actually my second, I didn't like my first copy.) Anyway, don't be surprised if it isn't too good.

Before I really get started I'd like to get one thing clear. If there is any relationship between this column and Joe Kenney's "Popular Culture," it is purely coincidental and not meant to happen.

In connection with the week the girls had some time ago, when they were supposed to ask the boy for the date, I must mention that today, November 9, is Sadie Hawkins Day.

Sadie Hawkins Day, is the day when all unattached females may lawfully pursue any bachelor they chose. The man, according to hillbilly law, if caught, must marry the woman who caught him.

Turning to other things I was sorry to hear of the death of David Carridine, star of the TV series Kung-Fu. Supposedly Carridine was practicing a Kung-Fu leap when he landed wrong and broke his neck.

I thought this was interesting since I just read an article on Carridine in which he stated that he didn't know Kung-Fu and that all fights on the show were fake.

After watching O. J. Simpson play I can only say is that he has to be one of the greatest running backs of all time. Imagine 1005 yards in only seven games. That has never been done before. But I doubt Simpson will get 2,000 yards because rival defenses are keeping on him more and more.

Note to Mr. Burvan: Come out of hiding! For more days then I care to think about I have been trying to get a hold of him to get an interview on wrestling. But that man is like a ghost. No one seems to know where he is or what he's doing. Just wait Mr. Burvan. One of these days I'm going to contact you.

That's about all I have to say for this issue. I would welcome any suggestions on how I could improve this column.

Honor Society

By Cindy Fear

R.C.H.S. Honor Society recently chose this years officers. They are President — Jeff Alson, Vice President — Bill Braasch and Secretary-Treasurer — Rich Shide.

Honor Society sponsors one activity a year; this year they're having a dance, November 9th. They use the money to go on a field trip during the year.

To become a member of Honor Society a student must have a B average.

At a special teachers' meeting the names of all the students with B averages are passed out. Each student is givven up to 100 points in three catagories — character, leadership, and service.

Only 5 per cent of the Sophmore, Junior and Senior Class is allowed to make it each year. The amount of points the student gets from each teacher is divided by the amount of teachers that vote for him and this average must be at least 225 points.

Initiation of members is held once, at the end of each year.

Control Your Emotions

By Don Marlatt

Why aren't we allowed to come up and put our arms around our boy or girlfriend in the halls at school?

According to Mr. Roberts it's because Indiana law states that schools are responsible for the student from the time they leave for school in the morning until the time they come home in the evening.

In other words the school is expected to raise the children and this is a heavy responsibility.

Under this law parents have every right to expect the school to know where their kids are and what they are doing.

Mr. Roberts said, "I'm not against people holding hands but I am against what the holding of hands might lead to. Many teenagers are not mature enough to control their emotions, and therefore it's my responsibility to crack down on them."

He went on to say that he didn't have many problems of this nature and those he did have would soon be taken care of.

BAND DEFENDED

By B.J. Odom

Southern Cross a band from St. Joe's College, supplied the music for R.C.H.S.'s homecoming.

Southern Cross is a fine group, and they exhibit showmanship. Musically they get into some great stuff for a homecoming dance such as good boogy, little rock, and lots of music just to sit back and listen to.

It would have been a fine evening all around except for the end. It was discovered not enough money was taken in. When the band was paid for their performance they were given the impression they were the reason for the lack of attendance.

Southern Cross is the best band ever at R.C.H.S. Let's hope they return in spite of their last performance.

Popular Culture

By Joe Kenny

Unit for the day: a great gross. It's equal to 12 regular gross (or is it grosses? or grossees?) which are each equal to 144 units, making the great gross equal to 2228 units.

Oh, for the metric system!

Movies; Coming to the Palace: **High Plains Drifter**, still another Clint Eastwood western — or maybe it's the second time around for this dude. **MASH**, worth seeing, now rated PG (as why — They probably cut something out — but perhaps they decided that what's acceptable and what isn't has changed).

Emperor of the North-strange. About a hobo and a railroad conductor. For once, I can neither recommend it or hack it. Enter the Dragon.

Books: Ken Kesey is a fantastic writer. **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's** has been in paperback for awhile, and so has **Sometimes A Great Notion**. He's also written a book that has just been published; it's a collection of five short pieces, entitled **Kesey's Garage Sale**. Looks good.

One of my pet peeves is encountering cards fastened into magazines or paperback books, advertising the Famous Writers School (Earn $$ in your spare time!), some asinine sweepstakes, or still another incredible magazine subscription bargain (ONLY 7 two thirds cents an ISSUE!).

No matter how you open the book or magazine, it automatically turns to the page where the card is. The card is always integrally fastened into the spine of the thing, and if you ever do manage to tear it out, your reading material falls apart.

TV: The Blue Knight, stories adapted from Joseph Wambaugh's police novel; shown on Nov. 13-16. **Alice Through the Looking Glass** Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving) in the afternoon. Humorous and classy.

My Fair Lady Nov. 22. A really key movie. They'll probably massacre it to fit in enough advertising. **The World Turned Upside Down** — Nov. 27. About a turning point in world history-Washington defeats Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Frankenstein: The True Story — a classy version of the classic. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Baskin-Robbins has some wild names for some of their 330 flavors of ice cream — Here comes the Fudge, Red, White and Blueberry, Rocky Road, Goody Goody Gumdrop, Pink Bubble Gum, and gobs of others. But did you ever wonder about the flavors that didn't make it?

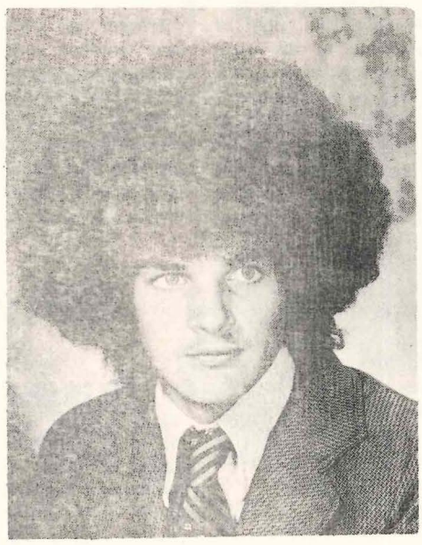
Here are some honest-to-goodness examples: Grape Britain, Sophia Lemon, Nudie Frutti, Berry Goldwater, Can't Elope Tonight, US Mint Green, and Tarzan and the Grapes.

My brother (grade 5) saw **Willard** and its equally outstanding sequel, **Ben**. The other day he was pleading with my dad to permit him to attend a CORE movie at St. Joe entitled **The Death of Socrates**. A rat in one of the two aforementioned movies was named Socrates; my brother though that this was another sequel.

The biggest hamburger ever made was 4 feet in diameter and was made from 173 pounds of beef. It was prepared for the grand opening of the first MacDonald's in Australia.

That doesn't sound like the classic MacDonald's hamburger. There's a joke going around about the beef shortage. It seems it go so bad that MacDonald's was down to their last pound of ground beef. So they could only make one million more hamburgers.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Ed Edmonds

Ed Edmonds, a Cinder Sizzler, is our choice for Senior Spotlight. Last year Ed won in the track sectional and came in the 11th in the cross-country sectional.

Four nights a week Ed runs 10 miles, and the other three nights he lifts weights. Besides track, Ed is in Monogram Club member and runs Winter track.

His hobbies include playing ping-pong and listening to tapes. This year he's taking: Civics and Economics, English, Algebra II, French II, and Chemistry.

Purdue is his college choice and while he's there, he plans on continuing to be active in track and cross country.

LITERARY CORNER

By Cindy Fear

People arrived on a ship from afar
Bothered the Indians and caused a war,
Stole their land and their food,
Then decided that all was good,
Made fast friends with them all
And told them they would have a ball.
Decided to have a great big feast
And settled down to roast beast.
Said a prayer of thanks for their land
And for the food they reaped by hand.
The Indians had given up by this time,
Ate the meal, and left a dime.
That's how the first Thanksgiving went,
And since that time — what money we've spent
Buying a turkey and squash and rice
To celebrate a day we think sounds nice.

WITHOUT RISK THERE IS NO FAITH.

DEAR SALLY

Dear Sally,

I was going with a very charming guy. He gave me just about anything I wanted, but I don't want just gifts. So I broke up with him. A few weeks later a guy asked me out. We went out and then he asked me out again. I really loved the 1st guy and I always will. The guy I went out with after I broke up with Mr. X., I didn't really care about. Can you give me advise.

TROUBLED

Dear Troubled

You have no problem, you love Mr. X. Tell him.

Yours Truly
Sally

Dear Sally,

I have this problem, but I don't want to talk about it right now. Thank you for your time.

Dear C.Q.,

Your problem concerns me deeply. I know it must be a horrible, sad, and hopeless problem if you don't even want to talk about it. I promise that if you write it down on paper for me, being the genius I am, I shall solve it.

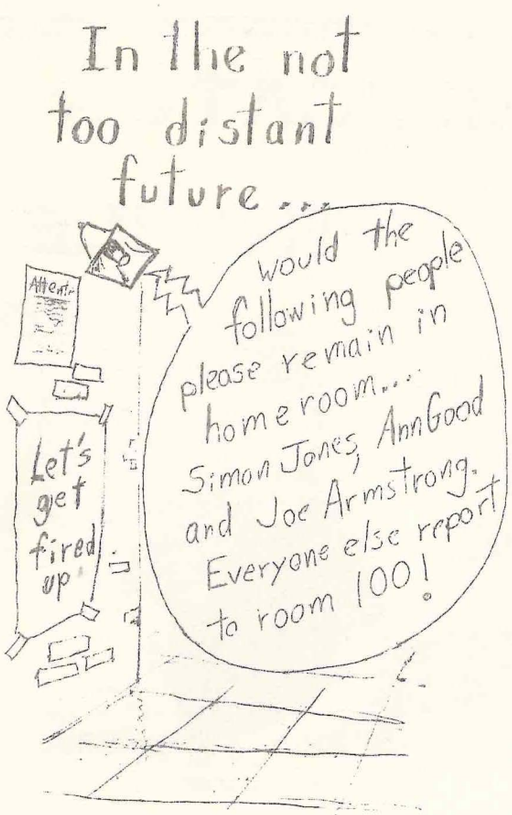
Yours Truly
Sally

COMMUNI-CATIONS

Communications club, founded this school year under the direction of Mrs. Sigo announced its first club officers this week. President Mark Storm, Secretary is Lori Brand, public relations Pam Nagel.

Objectives which the communications club will strive to achieve to extend to the classroom activities into forming better community school relations by giving speeches, presenting debates, working with school plays, and showing and making movies.

Dues have been set at $1.00 and they are payable at the next club meeting.


In the not too distant future...
would the following people please remain in homeroom... Simon Jones, Ann Good and Joe Armstrong. Everyone else report to room 100!
Let's get fired up!

BOOK REVIEW

By Don Marlatt

This book review must begin on a sad note as I must report the death of a great author, J.R.R. Tolkien. His main works were **The Hobbit**, **The Two Towers**, **The Return of the King** and **The Fellowship of the King**. His works were a kind of adult fantasy and have been widely read in this country.

The Onion Field by Joseph Wambaugh is a factual novel concerning the kidnap and murder of two Los Angeles policeman in the early sixties.

The book is divided into three main parts, the kidnaping of the two police and the murder of one of them, the capture and trial of the two murderers, and the psychological breakdown of the officer who escaped the killing.

Joseph Wambaugh is also the author of **The New Centurians** and **The Blue Knight** and while **The Onion Field** is not quite as good, it still might be a justifiable purchase.

Eliot Wigginton and the students of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, are authors of the successful **Foxfire Book**, and they have come up with an all new book **Foxfire 2**.

Like the **Foxfire Book**, **Foxfire 2** contains an all-new batch of ghost stories, spring wild plant foods, spinning and weaving, burial customs, wagon making, midwifing, and a number of other customs and ceremonies which were common in rural America around the turn of the century.

Foxfire 2 contains 388 photos, how-to diagrams and illustrations. It's a bit expensive, $4.50 for a paperback edition and $10.00 for the hardcover, but it has lots of good, hard to find information and is a good buy.

Buried Alive by Myra Friedman is a biography of Janis Joplin. This has to be one of the best books about a rock figure so far.

Myra Friedman was Janis' publicist, and so she brings out many facts about Janis which were not well known before.

This book is a good buy and should be well appreciated by all of her fans.

DEATH ZONES

By Jim Hopper

It seems that the "Bermuda Triangle" is not the only death zone around the world.

In case you may never have heard of the "Bermuda Triangle," it is known for the mysterious disappearences of many planes and ships.

These disappearances often occur somewhere near Bermuda located in the Atlantic Ocean.

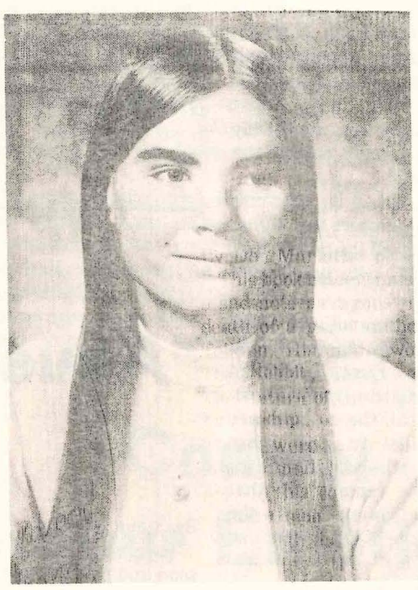
Lloyds of London an insurance underwriting firm, has been recording the shipping and transportation of ships all over the world.

Since January 1961 to the end of 1970 Lloyds has listed seventy ships as mysteriously disappearing.

Lloyds has received reports from different parts of the world about strange disappearances of ships and planes in other parts of the ocean and even on land. Over these reports Lloyds and members of their staff have constructed these areas on the globe. After they had finished, there were twelve areas, all located in a triangular form.

These twelve areas are considered as death zones or space vaccums referred to as the "Bermuda Triangle."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Pat Prietula

By Cindy Fear

Pat Prietula has been active in many areas of R.C.H.S. She has been a cheerleader for seven years, plays basketball, is in Sunshine, GAA, Junior Leaders, French Club, and has been in the Science Club.

Bike riding is one of her favorites and cheering at basketball games because "they're warmer than football games, and you get more people."

After she graduates from High School, Pat is planning on attending Purdue. She wants to major in food and become a dietician. Her plans also include marriage sometime.

Smelly Business

Now being sold by the French club members are Real French perfumes in 15 fragrances.

Cost for a 1 Dram bottle is $1.00, payable to any French club member.

High School Class Rings
Russell JEWELRY
225 W. Washington

Walters' Auto Electric
West Side of Courthouse
866-5041

Flying Saucers -Pro. . . .

By Don Marlatt

Flying saucers are for real! Anyone who refuses to accept the overwhelming information on UFO's is as behind the times as were the religious leaders of Copernicus' day.

Astronomers calculate there are 100 milliard fixed stars in the Milky Way galaxy alone. So if every tenth star is surrounded by a planetary system, ten milliard stars have such systems. If only every tenth star has a planet with earthlike qualities that still leaves one milliard planets. Supposing only each tenth planet to be the size of earth and possessing a suitable temperature range we are still left with 100,000,000 planets. Even if only one in ten of these has a suitable atmosphere that still leaves 10,000,000 planets with conditions necessary for organic life.

Remember, these figures are for only the Milky Way galaxy. This doesn't take into account the hundreds of other galaxies in the universe.

To the people who question how flying saucers could travel, the vast distances between planets, I present these facts: Our own scientists have developed the experimental photo rocket. This rocket would enable a spacecraft to travel at 99 per cent of the speed of light. The occupants of a craft using the photon rocket would only age 10 minutes for every 100 years traveled. So interplanetary travel is entirely possible.

For those of you who don't believe, take a look at the facts, then come out of the dark ages and into the present.

Note — The majority of the facts in this article are taken from Eric Von Daniken's books **The Gold of the Gods** and **Gods From Outer Space.**

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By Joe Shank

Don't you think it's about time we quit hearing stories about flying objects? Don't you think that just maybe that all these stories are just being made up? Couldn't other countries such as China or Russia could be scaring us?

There have been sights of flying objects in Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and now Indiana. Some people said they saw flying objects and that they took pictures of them. But then they later found out that maybe, maybe these so-called flying objects were actually weather balloons.

There's the crazy story in Mississippi that two people were taken aboard on a flying object. They stated that three weird looking creatures with wrinkled faces, crablike skin, and pointed ears, took them. (Sounds like Doctor Spock to me.)

Then a doctor had these two people hypnotized. But the sheriff and the men's doctor believe that these men had actually gone through such an experience. I call all this a very good acting job.

Isn't it a fact from U.S. Air Force research anyway that ninety percent of the reported flying objects is just people's imagination, while the other ten percent cannot be accounted for?

Let's quit all this nonsense about flying saucers or flying objects and for all the people that are frightened. Lets get landed back on earth!

But have you noticed three main things about these so-called flying objects. First, they seem all to be ported in the Midwest. Second, that all these states are almost parallel to each other except for Mississippi. Third, most of these reports say that they noted a flowing light in the air.

Alms For The Poor

Help! The 1973-74 Senior class has a problem and needs your support.

Last year's Junior-Senior prom that the Junior class put on left the class sixty dollars in debt. The poor attendance at this year's Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the Seniors, left them one-hundred and five dollars in debt.

Mr. Roberts was nice enough to loan the class the money to pay for the band during homecoming. The senior class has no money to pay him back. Won't you please help?

You can support your senior class by paying one dollar to Sherry Holiday or class President Dave Rose.

There is no way the senior class can get any money — raising projects. So please HELP!

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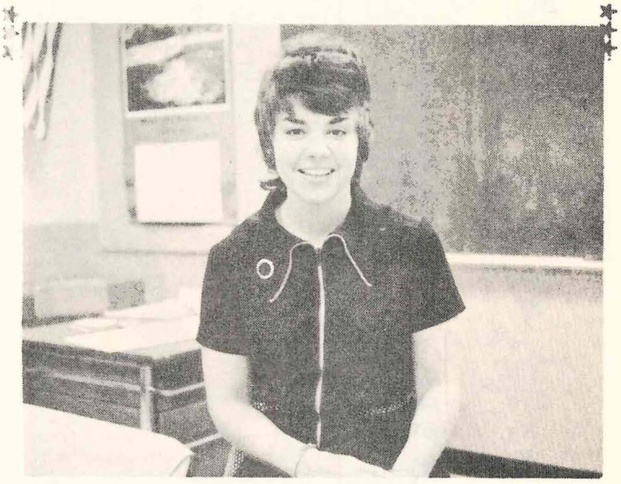

Miss Latchaw

Miss Latchaw, the fine teacher here at R.C.H.S. teaches typing and accounting.

Miss Latchaw is originally from Alexandria, Indiana. She went to Ball State in Muncie, where she majored in business. She graduated from Ball State in 1967.

She decided to make teaching her career because she enjoys working with young people.

She selected Rensselaer Central because at Ball State they have a placement service. Mr. Roberts went to Ball State to interview teachers and one of those teachers was Miss Latchaw. Through this she got interested in teaching at Rensselaer.

Miss Latchaw has been to Europe. She says this helped her because it gave her a chance to see the other side of the world. She also visited military schools, to look at their department compared to our own.

She feels that business classes help a student because their skill can be used before and after graduation. This is Miss Latchaw's seventh year of teaching.

Her hobbies are cooking, needlework, and she likes to read.

Abused Minority

By Steve Miller

Thanksgiving will be upon us soon and now is the time to think of what the Pilgrims were so thankful for. If we were them, we would probably be thankful for no income tax, no crooked president and no tyrant king.

They had a rough first year, and Indians gave them their land and food. Later land and food was taken by force.

Speaking of food, think of all the lovely food you'll find on the table on Thanksgiving. Think of the cranberries, stuffing and that poor turkey.

Now a turkey doesn't know that he is supposed to be thankful. He has nothing to be thankful for. There he is, in the prime of life, well fed, plenty of girlfriends, and not a worry in the world. Then one day he loses his head, literally.

So we have this young turkey running around without his head, or his feathers either. Someone takes his guts out, stuffs him with bread crumbs, and voila there is your main course.

Thanksgiving lovers of Rensselaer, take up your banner, strike up your song, make Thanksgiving enjoyable for the underdog of the world.

Remember your slogan-Save the Turkey!

MEDIA BLASTED

By Joe Shank

Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Blackhawks, Cougars, and Bulls, that's all you hear about, in newspapers, on radio and some television stations.

When will somebody get the idea that, not everybody around the Rensselaer area are all Chicago sports fans. It almost seems as though your hearing or reading re-runs from the time you wake up in the morning, till you go to bed at night. Every morning when I wake up I always turn on the radio to listen to the sports scores from the previous night contests, only to hear the scores of the Chicago teams contest.

At night before I go to bed I usually listen to the sports report on television only to find out that some television stations only give the Chicago teams' scores.

Then at night, after being in school all day, I pick up the nights edition of a local newspaper, only to find out once again that the only two sports stories are about either, the Sox and the Cubs, or a review of the Chicago teams' games and a sports story on the city sports activities.

When do you find out the score of your favorite team. If it's not a Chicago team you find them in the morning edition of an out of town newspaper. By then who wants to hear results of contests which are a day old.

Rensselaer is close to Chicago, but does this mean that all the sports that are reported have to be on Chicago teams alone?

When will the local newspaper, area television and radio get in their heads that there are twenty-two other baseball teams besides the Cubs and White Sox. There are also twenty-five other football teams besides the Bears, and so on with basketball and hockey. Now if you add up all these teams, you get a total of ninety-nine other teams. Isn't this quite a difference when you consider there are only six teams covered yearly.

When will they realize that not all the other ninety-nine teams play the same night? It shouldn't be that difficult to report them. Plus, the only time of the year when all these sports are in action is in October. Why don't they just for one year report on the other teams, instead of all the Chicago teams.

For the fans (other than Chicago) may we hope that some day the newspapers, television and radio stations will have heard of such teams as the Cincinnati Reds, San Francisco Giants, Atlanta Braves and so on.

SPORTS INDEPTH

By Bob Shuster

In the last issue, someone wrote an article commenting on a previous article I had written on the White Sox and their injury problems. The author pointed out other teams that also had injuries.

One player mentioned was Wayne Simpson of the Kansas City Royals. I'd like to point out that Simpson was washed up when he came to Kansas City, not injured during the season. Surely, the Royals have other pitchers besides Simpson.

Another player mentioned was Elrod Hendricks of the Baltimore Orioles. If Baltimore couldn't win because of Hendricks being injured, something must be awfully wrong. In fact, Baltimore traded Hendricks last year to the Cubs and acquired him this season. Obviously, this man must not be of such great importance as to be shuffled around like a playing card. Besides, this club has 2 other catchers, Earl Williams and Andy Etchabarren. Hendricks would just be a back up.

But, the White Sox have had a lot of major injuries to Key players. It's not the broken fingernail to a third string utility infielder that decides pennents, but usually the big injuries to the key players that decides pennents.

Also, about cheering for Chicago teams, isn't that normal? Don't most people cheer for the local teams? It's just part of sectionalism (you juniors should remember from lecture).

Besides, if you don't write things about Chicago teams, people corner you in the hall and say, "What's so bad about . . . . ." (the name of a Chicago team) and they'll get on you because of it. So, you can't please everybody.

But, this I think is changing, thanks to T.V. Notice all of the people deserting the Bears, because you can turn to some other game and enjoy a better team.

C C NOTES

By Joe Kenny

The Bomber Cross-country team recently completed their 1973 season.

They placed 4th in the Conference Meet, 8th in the Delphi Invitational, and 11th in the Sectional. Turning in outstanding individual performances were senior Joe Reichert, with an 8th place finish in the Conference meet, senior Ed Edmonds, with 11th in the Delphi Invitational, and junior Dave Chesak, who topped off his season with 35th in the Sectional, out of some 170 runners.

Rounding out the varsity squad for '73 were juniors Joe Kenny and Dave Lane, sophomore Jay Phegley, and junior Earl Davis.

Coach Dave Smith is already looking forward to the '74 campaign, and has initiated a winter running program for all distance runners who want some low-key competition over the winter.

MINOR SPORTS

Rensselaer is like any other school anywhere; the only sports that draw attention are football and basketball.

Why don't people go to cross country, swimming, wrestling, golf, baseball, and track meets? One reason is because they don't know anything about the sports. Another is that they don't care about any sports besides these two.

Track, along with football and basketball somehow get all of the money from the athletic budget.

I believe all the money in the athletic budget should be divided almost equally between the eight sports. I will agree that football and basketball do need more equipment than cross country and swimming, but the trouble is that they get too much and leave the other sports without a budget and with equipment that is suited for junior high school.

For the first time in the history of Rensselaer golf, to gain some money for our own small golf budget, Coach Stefanich is going to charge four dollars for teams to enter into the prestigious Rensselaer Invitational. This will net about eighty dollars for our golf budget.

But what about cross country? Who would want to go see fourteen men run up and around a golf course just to get a ribbon? The answer is just about ten people, usually parents, who make the long, weary expensive trip, six miles out west of town to watch two of Rensselaer's best sports teams perform.

Now take swimming, an interesting sport that everybody has tried before and people know what is going on in a swim meet. But do you think any people would show up to support our swimming team? Maybe twenty people if we included both teams and their coaches.

Baseball, America's national pastime, draws just about the same as all the other minor sports in Rensselaer. Ten to twenty people screaming and yelling for "Old Rensselaer."

Wrestling is the only minor sport that draws fans to it's meets. I think this sport is the fastest growing sport in high school today with participants and fans growing rapidly.

I believe that fans do make a difference in the way a teams performs. Any team that has great fan support is more likely to produce a winning team.

Now if the town of Rensselaer and the students of this school would support the other six teams, Rensselaer would a champion in every sport.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

It's about time that someone stood up for students rights.

We feel that a hard working student should not have to put up with being tortured in the middle of the day.

This torture is lunch!

Maybe for forty cents the meal shouldn't be the best, but can't we expect a little quality for our money?

Like they say, money doesn't go as far as it used to.

Cooks this only meant to be a humorous article.

Beef stew — leftovers.

Hot dogs — rawhide beef.

Corn bread — dry like dust.

Peas — increased by five over last year.

School lunches

Spaghetti — Reminds you of a mop head.

Catsup — They donate their own blood.

Green beans — Sounds speaks louder than words.

Chilled tomatoes — Human hearts.

French Fries — Went for a swim in a pan of grease.

Cookies — Hard as a rock. It seems as though they came from Babcocks pit.

Pork Tenderloin — If there's any meat between the bun your lucky!

Halloween Jolly Jello — A different kind of brew that tastes as bad as it sounds.

Mash potatoes and noodles — Not bad if it doesn't float away by the juice.

Milk — Either the cow forgot to produce enough white or chocolate milk.

Bread — Like a sponge. It soaks up the juice, leftover from the mash potatoes and noodles.

Chili — Full of beans.

GLEN POGUE

Glen Pogue, a high school Senior, has been accepted as a member of the Indiana All-State Chorus.

On September 29th more than 1,000 Indiana high school students auditioned for membership in the All-State Chorus; less than 200 were chosen.

Glen and the All-State Chorus will perform at Indiana University after an all day rehearsal on November 2.

Glen has been a member of the R.C.H.S. choraleers for four years. He is a section leader for the choraleers.

Student Teacher Review

By Cindy Fear

Mr. Benedict Sponseller, a Senior at St. Joes, is student teaching 12th grade English, with Mr. Herber.

Serving as President of the Student Association, Mr. Sponseller represents the students on the Presidents Council and the Board of Trustees. He is also the liason between the students and the faculty and a member of the Alumni Board of Trustees. At St. Joe's he is majoring in English-Education.

He, "enjoys St. Joe's because the people are real people, and it's easy to enjoy life and enjoy studying there."

Mr. Sponseller, "really likes teaching more than anything else." He feels that the students at RCHS are "well-disciplined, receptive, and open to new ideas," and that "most of them have a good attitude toward learning."

Mr. Sponseller

During the summer he has worked as an orderly in a hospital and also has made cables for steel plants.

Mr. Sponseller comes from Lakewood, Ohio, near Cleveland, and has four brothers and three sisters.

As for his future, he'll graduate this June and then hopefully will continue teaching.

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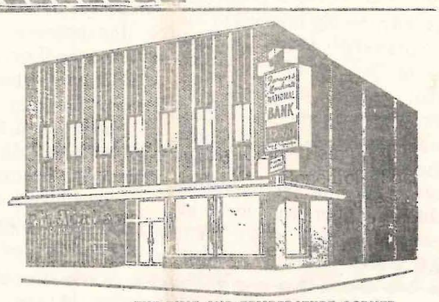

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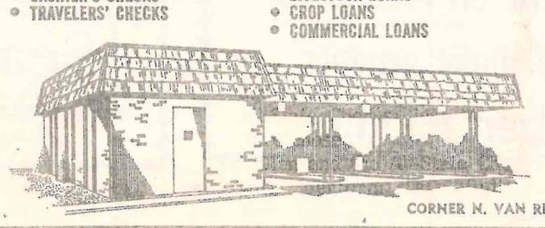

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